BPL families

†1430. DR. RAM PRAKASH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of families living below poverty line, State-wise; and

(b) whether the number of these families has increased or decreased during the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): (a) and (b) The Planning Commission does not estimate the number of families living below the poverty line. The Planning Commission estimates the number and percentage of persons living below poverty line at national and state level separately for rural and urban areas from the large sample survey on household consumer expenditure conducted by the National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO) at an interval of approximately five years following the methodology contained in the Report of the Expert Group on Estimation of Proportion and Number of Poor (Lakadwala Committee). As per the latest estimates, the numbers of persons living below poverty line for the year 2004-05 is estimated to be 301.7 million, accounting for 27.5 percent of the total population. The corresponding figure for the year 1993-94, was 320.3 million, accounting for 36 percent of total population. Thus in absolute terms, the number of persons living below poverty line declined by 18.3 million that is by 8.5 percentage points between 1993-94 and 2004-05. The state-wise number of poor persons for the year 2004-05 is given in the enclosed Statement.

Statement

Percentage and Number of Persons Below Poverty Line for the year 2004-05

Sl. No.	States/U.Ts	%age of Persons	No. of Persons (lakhs)
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	15.8	126.10
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	17.6	2.03
3.	Assam	19.7	55.77
4.	Bihar	41.4	369.15
5.	Chhattisgarh	4.9	90.96
6.	Delhi	14.7	22.93
7.	Goa	13.8	2.01

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

1	2	3	4
8.	Gujarat	16.8	90.69
9.	Haryana	14.0	32.10
10.	Himachal Pradesh	10.0	6.36
11.	Jammu and Kashmir	5.4	5.85
12.	Jharkhand	40.3	116.39
13.	Karnataka	25.0	138.89
14.	Kerala	15.0	49.60
15.	Madhya Pradesh	38.3	249.68
16.	Maharashtra	30.7	317.38
17.	Manipur	17.3	3.95
18.	Meghalaya	18.5	4.52
19.	Mizoram	12.6	1.18
20.	Nagaland	19.0	3.99
21.	Orissa	46.4	178.49
22.	Punjab	8.4	21.63
23.	Rajasthan	22.1	134.89
24.	Sikkim	20.1	1.14
25.	Tamil Nadu	22.5	145.62
26.	Tripura	18.9	6.38
27.	Uttar Pradesh	32.8	590.03
28.	Uttarakhand	39.6	35.96
29.	West Bengal	24.7	208.36
30.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	22.6	0.92
31.	Chandigarh	7.1	0.74
32.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	33.2	0.84
33.	Daman and Diu	10.5	0.21
34.	Lakshadweep	16.0	0.11
35.	Pondicherry	22.4	2.37
	ALL INDIA:	27.5	3017.20